

Stella Turk, of the Institute of Cornish Studies, Mr. R. D. Penhallurick, of the Royal Institution of Cornwall, and Mrs. Barbara Garratt, for letting me know about some of these reports. — Dr. F. H. N. SMITH, Turnstones, Perrancombe, Perranporth, Cornwall TR6 OHX.

THE MONARCH: *DANAUS PLEXIPPUS* L. IN THE ISLE OF MAN. — Yesterday morning while I was working in my garden, a very large butterfly appeared and hovered briefly over a clump of golden rod. A few minutes later it settled on a willow tree before moving northwards over open farmland. I am fairly sure that it was a male. I saw the insect at 10.45 am, and the weather was sunny with a brisk SW wind blowing. The previous night, September 23rd, we had a severe southwesterly gale. — J. HEDGES, Ballakaighen, Castletown, Isle of Man, 25.ix.1981.

*DANAUS PLEXIPPUS* L. IN SUSSEX. — A specimen of this migrant butterfly was sighted by Colonel Searle, at Kingston Gorse, Worthing, W. Sussex, on the 30th September 1981. It apparently settled on some nettles where he watched it for about 2½ minutes. — S. H. CHURCH, 1 Ashpark Cottages, Plaistow, Nr. Billingham, W. Sussex.

*DANAUS PLEXIPPUS* L. IN THE SCILLY ISLES IN 1981. — I had the great pleasure of finding a Monarch (*D. plexippus*) on St. Marys on October 27th. It appeared in good sunshine gliding along a row of young pines — settled, sunning itself for some moments in excellent view — before flying inside a belt of mature 30 foot pines. There was a tear on one hindwing.

I was told of four flying round an apple tree on St. Agnes, on September 26th/27th. This same tree contained a North American Magnolia Warbler at the same time. There were also reports of 'several' flying round pine trees on St. Marys near the airport in early October. — G. T. FOGGITT, Oakdene, Brackenthwaite Lane, Pannal, Harrogate, HG 1PQ.

MIGRANTS AT HIGHCLIFFE ON THE HANTS/DORSET BORDER, 1981. — Two m.v. traps are operated here, one in the garden which is a quarter of a mile from the sea in a sheltered position, and the other on the open cliff top exposed to the South West. So far all the scarcer migrants have been in the garden. A worn male *Rhodometra sacraria* L. on 14.ix.81; single specimens of *Mythimna unipuncta* Haw. on 20.ix, 23.ix, 26.ix, 27.ix, 3.x; and a single *M. vitellina* Hbn. on 3.x.

The numbers for the common migrants have been very small with a maximum of 17 *Autographa gamma* L. on 28.ix, and nine and 11 *Agrotis ipsilon* Hufnagel on 27 and 28.ix. Only two *Peridroma saucia* Hb. on 28.ix and one on 29.ix. The only migrant butterfly has been *Vanessa atalanta* L. which first appeared on 11.ix, with small numbers coming in from the sea on most days since with no real peak. — E. H. WILD, 7 Abbots Close, Highcliffe, Christchurch, Dorset, 4.x.1981.